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PORTSMOUTH MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING 'CRACK'COCAINE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville and Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, announced that Charles Marbury, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was sentenced today to 37 months in federal prison by United States District Court Judge Joseph DiClerico.

Marbury pleaded guilty before Judge DiClerico on June 24, 2003, to the distribution of "crack" cocaine. His prison sentence will be followed by three (3) years of supervised release which will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

Marbury was arrested on March 19, 2003, as part of "Operation Streetsweeper" in the seacoast area. U.S. Attorney Colantuono said, "This case should send a message to drug dealers in the seacoast region that law enforcement will appressively target and remove illegal drug activity and will send offenders to state and federal prisons."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Howard.